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JOE IS KING OF THE JUNGLE



JOKER Joe Pasquale, 43, was last night crowned King of the Jungle after winning I'm a Celebrity. He narrowly beat Royal butler Paul Burrell. Fran Cosgrave was third.
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Howard cools it

MICHAEL HOWARD has stumped pals with a Christmas card showing dozens of penguins.

The chilly photo left MPs wondering if the Tory leader was sending a coded message about his party's plight.

One Labour MP joked: "Perhaps he's saying the Tories are in the cold and never going to take off."

Tony Blair's card features him and wife Cherie arm-in-arm at Chequers.

12 die in raid

TWELVE people died when gunmen attacked the US consulate in Saudi Arabia yesterday.

Five local staff and three of the attackers were killed during the battle in Jeddah which began with a series of explosions.

Saudi officials said the attack was being linked to al-Qaida terror cells.

President George Bush said the attack showed that the "terrorists are still on the move."

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Dad's my hero

OH BABY! Little Rebecca Burrows went all googly-eyed when she met up with her brave daddy yesterday.

Bombardier Robert Burrows got face-to-face with his seven-month-old daughter yesterday in an emotional homecoming from Iraq.

Volunteer soldier Robert, 31, is home in time to see her first Christmas after a six-month tour of duty.

He told her: "I've missed you like crazy." He was also back in the arms of wife Nicola, 28, right, after his south Wales homecoming.



TOP LAW LORD RAPS 'KILL BURGLARS' BID

A CABINET Minister caused fury yesterday by opposing plans to allow householders kill or injure burglars.

Lord Falconer, the Lord Chancellor, vowed to scupper a proposed new self-defence law protecting families and property.

The measure, put forward by a leading Tory MP, has won widespread support including backing from the country's top policeman, Sir John Stevens.

The Metropolitan Police Commissioner has said he

by MACER HALL
Political Editor

believes burglary victims should be allowed to bash intruders with baseball bats.

But opposition from the Government's legal chief means the measure will almost certainly not become law.

Lord Falconer said: "People should know you can use force to defend yourself in your home and outside your home."

"That is the law at the moment and we need to make people aware of that."

His comments enraged Conservative home security spokesman Patrick Mercer, who is trying to get the law changed.

"The Government would look very foolish if they fly in the face of Britain's top police officer," he said.

Popular

"I defy Labour MPs to suggest this will be anything other than an enormously popular piece of legislation."

Witnesses are to get more protection from crooks in court cases by being allowed to give evidence by video link, said Lord Falconer.

NO TRAVELLERS REST

THE High Court in London has thrown out an appeal by gypsies to live on green belt land in Chesterton, Cambs.



NO CHANGE: Lord Falconer

Blunkett: I'm so sorry...

UNDER-fire David Blunkett gave grovelling apologies to Cabinet colleagues yesterday. The Home Secretary, under increasing pressure over his stormy love life, rang fellow Ministers to say sorry for slugging them off.

Tirade

Chancellor Gordon Brown, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw and Deputy PM John Prescott were all phoned by embarrassed Mr Blunkett.

He called Ministers "weak" and "soft" in an interview with a journalist a year ago for a book on his life.

Last night the Home Office played down Mr Blunkett's barbed comments. An aide said: "David was having a

very bad day and just let rip."

In his tirade, Mr Blunkett:

- Claimed his predecessor Jack Straw left the Home Office "in a mess".
- Said Prezza let jokes about his two Jags "get to him".
- Called Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell "weak".
- Suggested the Education Department under Charles Clarke had "gone soft".
- Said PM Tony Blair "does not like being stood up to".

Mr Blunkett's affair with Kimberly Quinn and claims of a fling with a Home Office secretary have rocked him.

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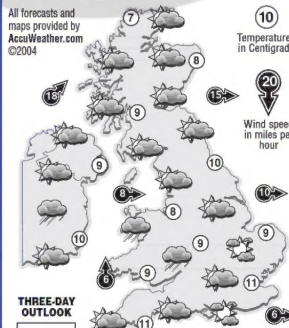
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INFO STATION

TODAY: Cloud and isolated showers over western England and Wales. A few bright spells over eastern England. Mainly cloudy and windy at times over Scotland and Northern Ireland.

OUTLOOK: Bright spells over England and Wales. Rather cloudy and windy over Northern Ireland and Scotland with a few showers or a longer period of rain.

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THREE-DAY OUTLOOK



Wednesday
Some sun



Thursday
Sunshine



Friday
Showers

POUND ABROAD

Australia	2.49 dollars
Canada	2.32 dollars
Cyprus	0.85 pounds
Czech Republic	44.56 korunas
Mexico	21.65 pesos
South Africa	11.20 rand
Thailand	75.95 baht
Turkey	2731320 lira
United States	1.94 dollars

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Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Holland, Portugal, Spain € 1.45

ABROAD

Algeria	rain	130 (65F)	Moscow	flurries	10 (34F)
Antigua	fair	190 (68F)	New York	rain	110 (32F)
Aruba	fair	90 (48F)	Nice	cloudy	110 (32F)
Bahamas	fair	90 (48F)	Paris	fair	90 (48F)
Bangkok	showers	170 (62F)	Rhodes	fair	190 (64F)
Bombay	rain	140 (57F)	Rome	cloudy	160 (61F)
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

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No ticket matched all 7 balls for the £30,000 prize

SATURDAY LOTTO

DECEMBER 4

8 9 35 38 42 45 14

One ticket holder won the £5.6m jackpot

EXTRA: 1, 2, 13, 21, 32, 43 T-Ball 4, 18, 27, 31, 34 (T's 9)

No Extra winners. One T-Ball winner gets £250,000

WEDNESDAY LOTTO

DECEMBER 1

7 18 27 31 36 49 43

Four tickets share £2.9m lotto jackpot

EXTRA: 2, 23, 28, 35, 40, 44 T-Balls 8, 15, 18, 26, 31 (T's 11)

No winners of £4.4m extra jackpot. No T-Ball winners

EURO LOTTO

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

1, 11, 15, 42, 49 Lucky Star Numbers 3, 4

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING

Charlotte

CHEEKY beauty Charlotte knows just how to tickle a guy's fancy in her saucy feathery thong. The 19-year-old Ipswich babe is looking forward to tucking into mince pies and sherry over Christmas. But in this festive outfit, we reckon she's the tastiest dish of them all.

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HEY KIDS! LET THESE ROMPS BE A LESSON

■ by MARIANNA PARTASIDES
SAUCY telly drama **Footballers' Wives** is to be used to give children as young as 11 lessons in sex.

Youngsters will study the steamy antics of Tanya Laslett, Kyle Pascoe and Amber Gates at home and keep diaries about what they see.

The sizzling ITV series has seen Tanya – played by Zoe Lucker – have sex with hunky Conrad (Ben Price) on top of a washing machine and join the mile-high club.

The footie nookie show will form part of sex lessons for pupils from 11 to 14 from next spring, alongside other shows such as *Trisha*, *Jerry Springer* and *US sitcom Friends*.

Sex stories in teen mags will be included in class debates, too, as part of the new course.

Love

Experts came up with the idea after research found that youngsters were too embarrassed to discuss sex with parents or teachers, preferring to learn from TV shows and magazines.

But the Tories' Shadow Education Secretary Tim Collins blasted the new course, which is already being tried out in some schools. He said: "It seems aimed at children below the legal age of consent."

"It also does little to promote love, romance and self-respect, concentrating on fleeting gratification."

But David Buckingham, who heads the MediaRelate project developed at London University's Institute of Education, said: "There are problems with sex education and teachers aren't given the training."

"Hopefully, this might provide them with a way to help deal with it."



SERVICE WASH: Footie Wives sizzler Tanya and Conrad show how it's done



Santa books a bodyguard

EXCLUSIVE ■ by JERRY LAWTON

SANTA is to get his own bodyguard to protect him as he tours a tough housing estate after 30 youngsters mugged him for his lollipops last Christmas.

He was attacked twice by a gang who stole sweets and tried to nick cash he had collected for charity last year.

So this time around Santa Peter Gallimore, 62, is to be accompanied by a minder, former policeman Barry Lewis, 60, as he tours Tunstall in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

Rotary Club president Barry, 60, said: "After last year, we couldn't leave him on his own. We had to give Santa added protection."

Peter said of his protector: "He's a big bloke and has got what it takes to keep trouble at bay."

Leo in skydive drama

FILM star Leonardo DiCaprio has told how he almost died during a terrifying skydiving ordeal.

The 30-year-old actor's chute didn't open properly and another parachutist swooped to save him.

The man cut Leonardo's cord and held him as they fell using just his chute.

Leo, who stars as Howard Hughes in his new movie *The Aviator*, said: "My life flashed before me."

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JOE WINS IT

Clown
grabs
Celeb
crownfrom PETER DYKE
in Australia**JOKER** Joe Pasquale was last night crowned King of the Jungle - after winning I'm A Celeb.

The fun-loving comic, 43, saw off Paul Burrell after MILLIONS of fans voted in the closest-ever final.

As the result was announced Joe hugged his fellow contestants and said: "Thanks, guys."

Hugging runner-up and jungle pal Paul Burrell, he said: "Don't cry, mate. Well done, Buzz," referring to the ex-Royal butler's nickname Buzz Lightyear.

Sipping champagne, Pasquale joked about his constipation during 16 days in the camp.

Sitting on a special King of the Jungle chair, he said: "I have been dying to get on the throne for the last three weeks. I want a bit of porcelain under my bum if you can arrange it."

Ant and Dec showed clips of him constantly describing his private parts in rhyming slang as "Jacobs".

Shocked

Pasquale, given a crown of ferns and leaves by Tara Palmer-Tomkinson said: "I saw you guys (Ant and Dec) at a party and I said if they ask me to do it I will tell them to stick it up their arse. But it's been an experience and I have made 10 friends - 12 with the emus."

Joe was the bookies' fave from Day One and at 1-6 was the hottest-ever to win.

He climbed out of a helicopter and made friends with the emus. Paul Burrell, 46, came second, looking shocked and disappointed - then burst into tears.


He said: "What an incredible journey. I can't stop shaking. It's restored my faith in the British public."

Burrell, more camp than many people expected, entertained viewers by prancing around in tight vests and a pink bandana, singing his favourite musicals.

His trials, when he squealed like a girl and hyperventilated, proved a huge hit. Last night he was seen squirming and gagging as he ate a roo's testicle.

He said of King Joe: "A nicer guy couldn't have won it. He's my friend, too, and I'm proud to be his friend."

Fran Cosgrave, 26, was third and got a pint of Guinness as he left. He said it was "the best experience of his life".

Bushtucker Hell: Pages 6-7


PALS UNDER PRESSURE: Paul Burrell and Joe Pasquale wait for the big verdict. Left, third-placed Fran Cosgrave. Below, a jungle reunion

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BY A SQUEAK



NO ORDINARY JOE: Pasquale toasts his victory last night and, below, is crowned by Tara Palmer-Tomkinson



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Jungle Grapevine

COCKY Paul Burrell reckons he is not only pals with Hollywood legend Tom Hanks but looks like him too!

"People think I look like Tom Hanks," he told Fran Cosgrave.

"Really?" Fran replied. "Yes, its my hair-line that looks the same," said Paul. "When we get out I'll have to show you the picture of me and Tom Hanks."

It's not the first time that Paul has been compared to a hero of the silver screen - Janet thought he was the spitting image of Toy Story star Buzz Lightyear.

JOKER Joe Pasquale admitted he missed Janet Street-Porter on the last day in camp. Speaking after she left the jungle, he said: "I miss her now. She is like a dominatrix. It's very different in camp. It's like being behind the bike sheds and teacher has gone away. I thought she was here until the end. I thought she had it in the bag."

BULKY Fran Cosgrave has vowed to watch his weight when he leaves the jungle. The nightclub owner, who loves Guinness and fried food, wants to eat healthy back in Britain.

He said: "I'm going to be really careful what I eat when I get out. I'm going to eat loads of veg."

GOBBY I'm A Celebrity evictee Janet Street-Porter has rounded on the three finalists. The outspoken hack admits she was stunned voters chose to kick her out.

She blasted: "You've ended up with a guy who thinks he's an emu, someone who follows a little old royal lady around picking up corgi s**t and another who stopped me from doing my hair because he's got the mirror every five minutes."

A GIANT bee attacked the camp on the last day. Fran Cosgrave was so scared he jumped out of bed and shouted: "It sounds like a jet."

Meanwhile, animal-lover Joe Pasquale said an emotional goodbye to his beloved emus.

He had trouble keeping them under control and looking exasperated, he said: "I will never see you after today. If this is the way you want to spend your day I'll introduce you to the colonel's special recipe ... lots of herbs and spices."

Celebs were really great

THE Daily Star's Mr Reality TV **PETER DYKE** gives his verdict on I'm A Celeb...

AFTER two weeks of jungle-mania it's over. So was it any good?

Ratings were bit up and down, like Hogan the koala on his gum tree.

And some viewers thought this fourth series didn't quite hit the mark. It has even been compared to the disastrous Big Bro' 4.

But, looking back, it did make great telly when the stars finally let down their guards and stopped playing to the cameras.

Screaming

It's given us some classic telly moments like Burrell's Hell Hole and Temple of Doom trials and Nat's strops at being picked on by viewers.

Then there was Janet and Paul's constant bickering; Brian Harvey and those flies and that "Me, Me, Me" screaming match between Nat and Sophie.

The casting was almost perfect - who'd have dreamed of putting Mr Cool Huggy Bear, diva Sheila Ferguson, royal rat butler Paul Burrell and gobby Janet Street-Porter together?

But next time, please put some more single celebs in the show.

While we love the Bushstucker Trials, if the stars don't fight all that's left is flirting.

With show now over, there is only one question left. When's the next one?

TUCK THIS FOR A LARK



THE BUTLER BIT IT: Tie me kangaroo down sport, Paul manages to gobble down a roo's goolie

Paul's he-roo of the Trials

BALLSY Paul Burrell ate a kangaroo testicle as the final three contestants succeeded in gruesome Bushstucker Trials.

Paul, Joe Pasquale and Fran Cosgrave each had to choose a task to win a three-course meal.

And after sweat and tears, especially from Burrell who found his task a tough nut to crack, they ended up with a meal fit for a king. Cosgrave, 26, was the first one to conquer his fears in Eel Helmets.

He had to don goggles and a snorkel and push his head into a Perspex box. The container slowly filled with water and eels. With the eels wrapping themselves around his face and neck, the clock ticked down and Fran had won the first course of their prepared meal.

Rats

He said: "We're having dinner tonight."

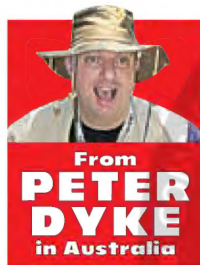
Next up was Pasquale, 43, for The Return of Dangerman - which saw him buried alive with rats.

"See you in five minutes," he called to Ant and Dec. When the time ran out he emerged with rats hanging from his body.

"You've got one on your head," presenter Ant declared.

"I had sussed that out," Pasquale replied dryly. "It's not Bruce Forsyth's wig."

Burrell, 46, had to face a five-course meal of bugs and balls. His first choice was nightcrawler worms



which he stuffed into his mouth.

Then there was beetle larvae, cockroaches, a piece of vomit fruit and the kangaroo testicles known as Bush Oysters.

After three minutes of chewing he managed to swallow the last course. "Don't try that at home," Burrell told viewers.

10 QUESTIONS WE WANT ANSWERED

HERE are the questions we REALLY want answers to about the latest I'm A Celeb...

- 1 How did the girls look so glamorous if they were not allowed to bring in bags of make-up?
- 2 If the celebs were 'roughing it', why did a tarpaulin cover them from the rain?
- 3 Do the celebs get secret rations of cigs? If not how many hundreds did they take in?
- 4 If they had matches for cigs, why did they light their fire by rubbing sticks?
- 5 Did Paul Burrell pump iron for the jungle show or is he always that musclebound?
- 6 Is Dec shrinking or does he crouch next to Ant?
- 7 Is Tara Palmer Tomkinson really that crazy on TV just because of a vitamin injection?
- 8 Will Natalie Appleton ever touch another tree?
- 9 Did Janet Street Porter fancy Paul Burrell?
- 10 Will Burrell ever stop talking about royalty?

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Probe into 117 'honour killings' in 10 years

MURDERED FOR LOVE

DAILY STAR SPECIAL REPORT

■ by PAUL MALLEY
A YOUNG Asian woman could have been murdered because a love song was dedicated to her on the radio.

The "honour killing" was carried out because the track brought shame on the family.

Police have been unable to snare the killer because of a wall of silence in the girl's Pakistani community.

The song was played for the girl, in her late teens or early 20s, on an Asian radio station in West Yorkshire, Crown Prosecution Service lawyer Nazir Afzal said yesterday.

He added: "It was picked up by a member of her family, who told other members of her family."

"She disappeared in circumstances which suggested she was murdered."

The shocking story was revealed as the CPS announced a crackdown on so-called "honour killings". Other recent examples include:

● A YOUNG woman rape victim was killed by family members in Newham, east London – they believed she was to blame and the incident dishonoured the family.

● SCHOOLGIRL Heshu Yones, 16, from Acton, west London, was murdered by her father Abdalla – a Kurdish Muslim later jailed for life – after she fell in love with a Lebanese Christian.

● SIKH elder Palwinder Singh Dhillon, 65, strangled pregnant Anita Gindha, 22, in Manor Park, east London. Anita's husband, with whom she had eloped, accused her family of ordering her death after she refused an arranged marriage.

● BRIDE Sahjda Bibi, 21, was knifed 22 times



TRAGIC: Heshu and her killer father Abdalla, left

by her cousin minutes before her wedding in Birmingham last year.

He was furious that she had broken with family tradition and chosen to marry a divorced man.

Police and prosecutors are now reinvestigating 117 deaths and disappearances of Asian women over the

last decade. Director of Public Prosecutions Ken Macdonald said: "This is an area of hidden crime."

Fear

"When they are uncovered these crimes will be prosecuted relentlessly." The Crown Prosecution Service yesterday held a

conference in London aimed at improving the way honour crimes are handled.

It heard that the suicide rate of Asian women aged 16 to 24 is nearly three times the national average – possibly driven by fear of dishonour and their families' reaction.



FATAL PASSIONS: Sahjda Bibi, above, was stabbed and pregnant Anita Gindha, below, strangled



Casino probe 3 cash in

■ by JAMES WICKHAM
THREE gamblers who used a James Bond-style laser scanner to scoop £1.3 million at a casino have been told they can keep their winnings. They used the scanner hidden in a mobile phone linked to a computer to calculate which slot the ball would fall into on a roulette wheel. The system proved so successful, they won £1.3m in just two nights at the Ritz Hotel's casino in central London. The trio – a 32-year-old Hungarian woman and two Serbian men aged 33 and 38 – were arrested after casino bosses became suspicious of their amazing run of luck.

Action

The three were later released on police bail.

Scotland Yard said yesterday that the inquiry had now ended and all three would face no further action.

A spokeswoman added that the cash, which had been held pending the result of the inquiry, had been returned to the three.

Sources say they had not broken any law, because the laser did not interfere with the ball or roulette wheel.

The casino refused to comment last night.

■ A LAP-DANCING club is putting security tags on bras after souvenir-hunting customers walked off with more than £7,000-worth in a year. The tiny tags will trigger an alarm when the bras are removed from Stilletos in Wigan, Lancs, alerting the club's guards.

Nurses get a cut

NEW Government plans to slash hospital waiting lists could see nurses being allowed to carry out operations.

Health Secretary Dr John Reid says the scheme will help Labour meet its pledge that by 2008 no one will have to wait longer than 18 weeks for hospital treatment.

But some medical experts have accused the Government of putting patients' lives at risk.

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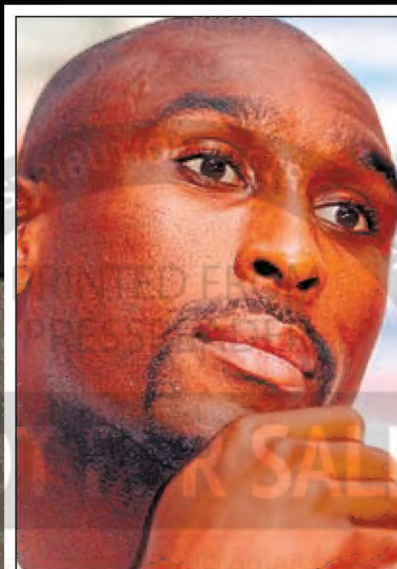
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Smashed jaw, four broken teeth, stud marks in his head and left drinking from a straw...

NOT ONLY ASKED 'IS SOL GAY?'



Picture: REBECCA REID



'VICIOUS': Campbell allegedly attacked after a remark about brother Sol (above)

SOL CAMPBELL'S brother viciously attacked a university classmate who suggested the England star was gay, a court heard yesterday.

John Campbell, 34, kicked Mark Golstein senseless, shattering his jaw.

Four of his teeth were broken, there were stud marks in his head and he needed metal plates in his jaw after the attack.

Campbell only stopped laying into Mark when onlookers stepped in to hold him back, it was claimed.

Days earlier Mr Golstein, 26, had suggested his Arsenal star brother might be gay in a class discussion.

Groups of students in the East London University group had to list things that "could hold you back in sport". Mr Golstein said:

■ by PAUL MALLEY

"The lecturer asked with regards to sexuality if I knew any professional sports people who are homosexual."

Mr Golstein - a Spurs fan - told the jury he mentioned ex-Manchester United centre back Lauren Blanc and the late Justin Fashanu.

Rumours

"The lecturer asked me if I knew any others who were homosexual and I said there had been rumours that Sol Campbell is gay," said Mr Golstein.

"The lecturer said he had not heard those rumours and the lesson moved on."

Later Campbell invited Mr Golstein to an evening training session at Clapton Football Club.

He had begun training when he returned to the stand to call a

friend who was late, he told Snaresbrook Crown Court.

Mr Golstein said: "I heard John shouting at me: 'Get off the phone.'"

"I turned my head. He seemed quite angry. I was a little bit shocked."

"I just assumed he was annoyed because I was using my phone during a training session. "Then he came running over and shouted it again. By this time he was in front of me."

Mr Golstein, who said he had been kneeling at the time, continued: "I looked up at him and he kicked me in the chest."

"I said: 'What are you kicking me for?' and then he kicked me again. And I said: 'Stop kicking me.'"

Campbell then kicked him off balance and on to his back, he said. Mr Golstein added: "I just remember looking up at him and

that was it until I regained consciousness."

He denied having any hostile feelings towards the defendant or his brother, but added: "I don't hide the fact I'm a Spurs fan and he went to Arsenal which I didn't like that much, and neither did any other Spurs fans."

Mr Golstein had to be attached to a drip after the attack and was left drinking from a straw.

Fractures

He was in hospital for three days when plates were inserted into two fractures in his jaw.

The jury was told Campbell claimed after his arrest that Mr Golstein had attacked him and he had to defend himself.

Campbell, from Hathaway Crescent, Manor Park, east London, denies causing grievous bodily harm with intent.

The trial continues.



CRUSHED: The van

2 killed by train

TWO people were killed yesterday when a train hit their van on an unmanned level crossing.

The driver, guard and three passengers were treated for minor injuries but the train was not derailed.

The train was travelling at about 55mph when it struck the vehicle on the farm crossing in remote Helpingham Fen, near Sleaford, Lincs.

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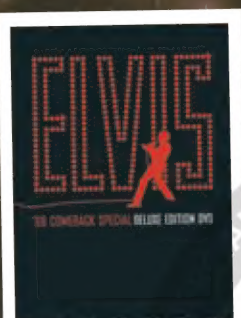
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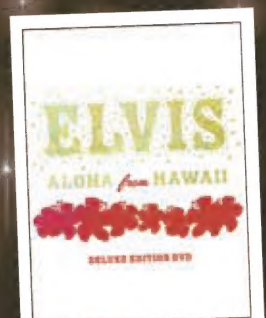
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Mutu kit of all right...

LOOKS like shamed ex-Chelsea star Adrian Mutu is ready to swap strips.

Catwalk models showed off slinky footie-inspired outfits at the Bucharest Fashion Week festival and the designs had his name all over them. And the good news for Romanian star Mutu, 25, is that he owns the label, Ten Lives.

Mutu, below, was sacked by Chelsea after a positive drugs test.



JOHNNY IS TV AGONY UNCLE

TOP comic Johnny Vegas is to become a celebrity agony uncle in a new TV series.

Vegas, 33, will play judge and jury to warring couples and help them settle their differences on live telly.

Johnny's World, on Channel 4, is the creation of media mogul Chris Evans, who recently split from wife Billie. Vegas -

by ELIZABETH JAMES

whose marriage to Kitty Donnelly hit the rocks after a year - will hear couples put their case before delivering a verdict.

He will also dish out advice to families in dispute with neighbours.

Evans came up with the idea for the Dutch firm Endemol which makes Big Brother. An insider said: "Johnny has a reputation as a straight

talker.

Some of his methods for resolving disputes might be extreme but he'll always be fair, and the results will be hilarious."

The show will also leave Vegas at the mercy of viewers who will text dares for him to do live on television.



ADVICE: Star Johnny

Julian's in doghouse

BALLROOM bully Craig Revel Horwood reckons Julian Clary's dog has more talent than his owner. Strictly Come Dancing's Mr Nasty, still raging that Clary has reached the final, claimed it would be easier to teach the gay comic's pooch to dance. The final is on Saturday at 6.55pm on BBC 1.

No jobs, 6 kids, twins on the way, £360 a week in benefits...AND they're behind with the rent



THAT'S RICH: Gary and kids with Vikki - now expecting twins. Inset: Vikki and their mega telly

DEBT US A BIGGER HOUSE SAY SPONGERS

A FAMILY of eight who rake in £18,700 a year in benefits want a bigger council house because twins are on the way.

Vikki Ledger, 35, says her house is already so full she feels like she's "living in a cage".

The twins will be her first kids with partner Gary, 27, who quit his job in a scrapyard to be a full-time dad.

The family now receive £360 a week in incapacity and income support handouts, but they have a state-of-the-art widescreen TV.

Yet Vikki says she deserves every penny of her benefit... and a larger home. She has six children from three previous relationships: Matthew, 14, Grant, 13, Ryan 11, Chloe, nine, Mollie, six, and two-year-old Dominic.

Vikki moaned: "Five of the kids sleep in one of the bedrooms, me and my partner are in another, but the third one is so small you can't fit a normal-sized bed in."

"We've managed to squeeze a small bed and wardrobe for the youngest, but the rest of the children have to share a room with two sets of bunks and a mattress on the floor." Vikki - who has

by JERRY LAWTON

rent arrears after she was overpaid housing benefit by York Council - added: "The council says I can't move until the arrears are cleared, but they were no fault of mine."

Dread

"Then they said I can't be moved unless it's a life-or-death situation. "Just because I'm not slashing my wrists - do I have to do something like

that to get the message across? I'm dreading what it will be like when the twins are born.

"I just love children and I should not be penalised because I have a large family.

"I don't want people to think I am a scrounger. I just need some help.

"I am not some layabout. I have got a diploma that qualifies me to teach people to become a nail technician. The kids are everything to me and I

want to look after them because for the most part their fathers never did."

Vikki asked York's Labour MP Hugh Bayley to help but he said: "Like all families, the Ledgers must take responsibility for their own actions."

Decided

"They decided to have a large family."

A council official said: "Four-bedroom council homes in the city rarely become available."

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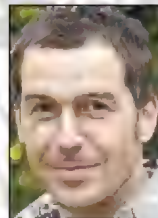
LOUIS HAS KILLER JIBE AT STEVE

by MARK JEFFERIES

LOUIS Walsh yesterday accused X Factor singer Steve Brookstein of being "like Fred West" as the build-up to Saturday's final turned nasty.

The music mogul and manager of boy band G4 begged viewers to vote for his foursome - Jonathan Ansell, 22, Michael Christie, 23, Matt Stiff, 24, and Ben Thapa, 22.

He said on ITV's This Morning: "They have the X Factor. They perform like nobody else."



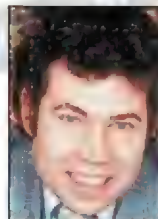
'LOOKALIKE': Steve

Furious

When presenter Fern Britton asked why Simon Cowell's singer Steve was like the killer, Walsh said: "That's who he looks like. A picture of Steve and a picture of Fred West - they do look alike."

Simon Cowell was said to be "furious" at the jibe.

A source said: "Simon is well aware that Louis is going to try dirty tactics. But two can play at that game."



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DI WANTED TO RUN OFF WITH A MINDER

PRINCESS DIANA revealed on video that she considered running away with her bodyguard lover Barry Mannakee.

She made the explosive confession during a taped conversation with her voice coach Peter Settelen.

The American public will watch the admission when a section of the tape is shown on television.

Unhappy

A top policeman has been called in to investigate Sgt Mannakee's death after Diana told Settelen she was certain he was "bumped off".

Now, in explosive new excerpts, it emerges she also confessed she had serious thoughts about ending her royal marriage to be with him.

She said: "I was quite happy to give it all up ... just to go off and live with him."

"Can you believe it? And he kept saying he thought it was a good idea, too."

She admitted she "fell deeply in love" and added: "He was the greatest fellow I have ever had. I was only happy when he was around."

Diana also talks about her devastation when the affair ended. She also revealed she saw a clairvoyant to help her



HELL: Diana, right with lover Mannakee, told of her feelings over Camilla and Charles

■ by LEE BROWN

cope with his death in a 1987 motorbike crash.

The Princess said: "I should never have played with fire. But I did. And I got burned."

Diana talked of her love for Sgt Mannakee during the first of 20 videos she made with voice coach Settelen.

Seven years after her death the tapes have been sold to NBC telly and are being played for the first time.

Diana also discussed on tape her unhappy marriage,

Charles seeing Camilla Parker Bowles and her relationship with the Queen.

She described Sgt Mannakee as "one of the biggest crutches of my life".

And she told how he was removed as her bodyguard after their relationship was discovered.

Diana also said that hearing of his death from Charles was "the biggest blow of my life".



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Bridget builder

BRIT chick Bridget Jones has gone a long way in the world. Renée Zellweger, 35, who plays Bridget, was in South Korea for a film premiere.

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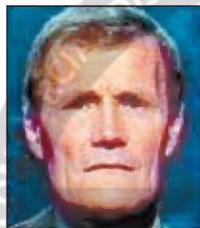
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RUNNER-UP: Don Young

Shame of quiz whizz

■ by TONY BROOKS
TV Mastermind runner-up Don Young lost his teaching job after showering a 14-year-old girl pupil with love letters, it emerged last night.

The 57-year-old bachelor, who boasted he once posed for nude photographs, was pipped for the title on Sunday by barrister Shaun Wallace.

Sacked

Young was described as "a retired teacher" but programme bosses were unaware he was drummed out six years ago after the schoolgirl told her parents about him.

He was sacked from Saddleworth School in Uppermill, near Oldham, Lancs, where he had taught German for 15 years.

It was also revealed Young, of Shaw, near Oldham, had conned BBC chiefs to appear on the show a second time.

He reached the semi-finals in 1980.

Don't miss



STARS TEXTS LETTERS

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Santa and rude-olph

A POSH store caused uproar by selling a festive card with the message: "Have A Sh** Christmas You C***".

The crude range also includes the greetings: "Jesus loves everyone but you, you c***", and "Merry Christmas you f***ing f***er".

Trading standards officers called to the Banana Moon in Chiswick, west London, after complaints from shoppers about the £2 cards, took no action.

THIS GUN FIRES 750 BULLETS PER MINUTE

...and British crime gangs have got 'em

ONE of the world's deadliest guns is in the hands of British criminals.

Detectives issued the warning yesterday after a man was jailed for storing one of the 750-rounds-a-minute weapons.

It is feared gangs could be importing the Croatian-made Agram 2000 sub-machine gun, originally used in the war in the former Yugoslavia.

Mark Lee, 22, of Islington, north London, was sentenced to five years' jail after admitting possessing one of only two of the weapons seized by UK police.

Southwark Crown Court heard that officers from Scotland Yard's Trident Anti-Drugs and Guns team raided his flat on March 17 and saw him hurl the firearm from a fourth-floor balcony.

Cage

Roger Daniells-Smith, prosecuting, said he threw the gun, a silencer and 16 rounds of live ammunition out of the window as police struggled to break through a locked metal cage surrounding his front door.

He told the court that Lee, a convicted heroin dealer who had served three-and-a-half years in a young offenders' institution, later claimed he had been handed the weapon at 2am and had been minding it for a former contact.

Judge David Higgins, sentencing Lee, said: "The seized weapon, which is capable of firing 750 rounds a minute, is the second of the most serious recovered from the criminal community and is a very dangerous weapon indeed."

"It is a real and dangerous weapon, recovered with a silencer and ammunition, the only purpose for which was for an act of serious criminality," Lee

■ by ANNE ROBERTS

had pleaded guilty on November 1 to three firearms offences, including possession of the gun with intent to endanger life, possession of the silencer and of the bullets.

The court was told that police will not make an application to destroy the weapon, but will instead keep it to be used for training purposes.

Police later confirmed that the weapon is usually found in Eastern Europe and is the most powerful of

its kind seen in the hands of criminals. Following the hearing, Detective Inspector John MacKenzie, of Operation Trident North, said: "This was an extremely successful operation carried out by members the Trident proactive team."

Mayhem

"The operation resulted in the seizure of this highly-dangerous and unusual weapon which has the potential to cause mayhem and destruction on the streets of London."



HAUL OF TERROR: The sub-machinegun, silencer and magazine

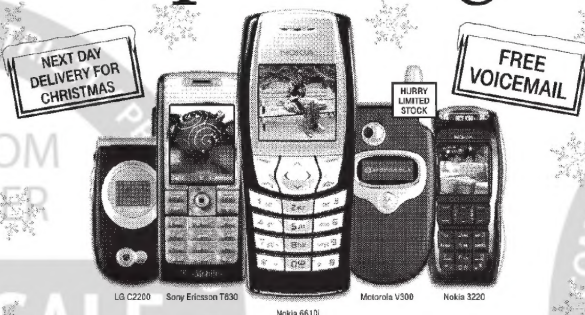


WORLD'S DEADLIEST: The Croatian-made Agram 2000 sub-machine gun, which was used by troops and militias in the war in the former Yugoslavia



JAILED: Lee threw gun from window

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CRIME DOES NOT PAY... BUT THE HOURS ARE GOOD



by NIGEL PAULEY

EX-MOBSTER Joey Pyle last night hit back at claims his new TV series showing how to pull off raids encourages crime.

The man, who was ruler of London's underworld for 40 years, joked: "I'm a firm believer that crime doesn't pay - but the hours are good."

Krays' pal Pyle, 66, is the unlikely star of Channel 4's *The Heist*. He'll be seen plotting three major robberies for the cameras. His team includes a thief who was once Britain's most wanted man and retired cat burglar Peter Scott, known as the Human Fly.

Daring

Every step of the crimes will be captured on camera. Critics have attacked the show but Pyle denies it glamorises or encourages crime.

Pyle, best man at Ronnie Kray's wedding, said: "That's not the case at all. It will make it more difficult for criminals because places will look at this and see ways of reinforcing their security."

He's confident his team of reformed crooks can pull off the perfect crimes without getting caught.

His villains will carry out a series of daring raids aiming to steal goods worth more than £3 million.

In tonight's first episode they try to nick a painting worth over £1m by breaking into the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London - a building thought to be impregnable.

Next week they try to hijack a £1m prototype TVR sports car from the Earl's Court Motor Show.

And the third show will feature the kidnap of £1m racehorse Lucky Harry from stables in Newmarket, Cambs.

Harder

In each case, the owners knew about the attempted heist - but security and staff were kept in the dark.

Ex-armed robber Terry Smith, once Britain's most wanted man, said: "It was much harder than it would have been in real life. We had all sorts of restrictions, such as not using violence or causing criminal damage."

The motley crew includes computer wizard Matthew Bevan, who provides electronic counter-measures.

GANG SHOW:
Cat burglar Peter Scott, right, Joey Pyle, inset top and, below, hacker Matt Bevan



Picture: SCOPE FEATURES

Out for count

PUB landlords are being urged to display alcohol units on beer pumps in a blitz on drink-driving.

The call from campaigners came after Government research revealed motorists often go over the limit because they don't know how many units they've had.

The Campaign Against Drink Driving said units-per-pint should appear alongside the percentage strength to help drinkers judge whether it is safe to drive.

Boozing was blamed for 560 UK road deaths last year.

SCOTLAND are world champions - in Elephant Polo. The team won the title in Nepal, beating the home side 12-6. Captain the Duke of Argyll said: "No one can now deny that Scotland are one of the world's sporting heavyweights."

Loo body row

A HOSPITAL is involved in a row over cleanliness after it was revealed a woman found dead in a toilet may have been lying there for two days.

Her body was found by an engineer working on the accident and emergency ward at Solihull Hospital, West Mids. Bosses believe she had taken an overdose and later discharged herself.

A hospital source said: "The question that should be asked is: How often are the toilets cleaned?"

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Down 'n pout Paris

WE go through dozens of pairs of Jimmy Choos keeping up with the haughty Paris Hilton, but she never fails to make us laugh. The socialite caused much hilarity posing and pouting at the launch of her new fragrance at a store in California. But Paris, 23, got her knickers in a twist backstage later when handed a freebie at the VHI Big In '04 Awards. An onlooker said: "She got a £3,000 goody bag which included a Cartier watch, cashmere poncho and countless visits to a top spa and beauty salon." But we hear she was far from happy and grumbled the gifts were lame. Pah!

QUICKIES...QUICKIES...QUICKIES...

CHARLIZE Theron, 29, right, invested in hired help to clear up her dog's dirt. The actress paid a pooper-scooper £10 an hour to clean up the pooch's mess.

Our spy said: "Charlize had suffered back problems so called in extra help. Her boyfriend **Stuart Townsend** wouldn't do it so she had no choice."



CHEEKY Avid Merriam has been causing mischief again. Not content with harassing the stars, he has taken to phoning estate agents and winding them up to see if they recognise him.

But with phrases such as "Bo!Selector" and "I'm wishing you a Proper Crimbo" we doubt his game of guess-who will be hard.

THE GOSS

With KATIE HIND, LEIGH PURVES and AMY WATTS

BLUE DUNCAN IS DUMPED

BLUE hunk Duncan James popped the question to the mother of his unborn child – and was turned down.

Dunc, 25, proposed marriage to his old flame, a woman he will name only as **Claire**, last week after revealing his hopes of forging a career in the US.

The sensitive stud is determined to be a great dad to his baby daughter, due in April.

Family

And he asked Claire to give their relationship another go in the hope of building a family unit across the pond.

But Claire, who dated him for two years before they broke up in 1997, told him she doesn't

want either of them to be forced into marriage.

"It was the most chivalrous offer," an insider told us.

"Duncan wants to forge an acting career and the only place to do that seriously is Los Angeles.

"But he doesn't want to leave Claire and his little girl behind.

"He wants to be a doting dad, so he asked Claire to go with him.

"And he knows he can't expect her to give up her life without some security, so he asked her to marry him.

"It didn't work out between them but the passion was obviously strong enough to ignite one more time.

"They are such good friends, he really got to thinking that it

might work. The fact that his dad left his mum has left Duncan with a raw determination to be a good family man. He's a really decent bloke."

But Duncan, who heard he was to become a dad almost two months ago after a night of passion this summer, had his hopes dashed.

The insider continued: "Claire told Duncan that she thought it was a lovely offer.

"But they both know they wouldn't have got back together under different circumstances, so Claire insisted they shouldn't be rash."

"All she asks is that he be around for them."

"They can carry on with two lives, even in two countries. She doesn't want him to give up his freedom."

"She loves the fact that he even offered."



Hidden talents

BLAND couple of the year **Gwyneth Paltrow** and **Chris Martin** did NOT play follow the leader as they left a swanky London restaurant.

But they acted like small children as they tried in vain to avoid the cameras.

The Oscar-winning Gwyneth, 32, and Chris, 27, used to seem such fun – get over it guys!



Picture: CABARAZZI PICTURES

ROBBIE Williams, 30, has asked TV presenter **Fearne Cotton** to do his portrait – and Fearne, 22, wants to paint him in his pants.

Artist and Top Of The Pops host Fearne, who admits a crush on Rob, revealed: "He's asked me to paint him."

"The less clothes he's wearing the better – on a couch in a pair of briefs." Sounds good to us.

SPOTTED

IN London: **Denise Van Outen** shopping with two female pals in Covent Garden, **Simon Webbe** wheeling designer cases through Gatwick terminal 2 and **Jamie Oliver** strolling through Selfridges. In Manchester: Corrie actress **Jenny McAlpine** getting into a black cab in Albert Square and **Jenny Frost** in Boots, Market Street.

HAVE YOU GOT SOME JUICY GOSSIP FOR US?

HUSH HUSH

THIS model was left shamed after being told she was "too hussy" to front a national advertising campaign for a major High Street clothes store. The little lady-in-question was also mortified to be told by agency bosses that she spends "too much time" powdering her sexy nose and needs to exert some serious self-discipline. Ouch.

KERRY McFadden, 24, has told pals she's planning a car-boot sale to sell off everything estranged husband **Brian**, 24, bought her and give the proceeds to charity. Kerry's friends claim she and Brian are finished for good. One chum said: "Kerry thinks it makes perfect sense to raise cash for people who are needy. Especially at this time of year."